



ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 27th October 2024

Collect for the for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

From the Methodist Prayer Handbook: Praying with Christians in Europe and Britain.

*Give us a new heart, O God, free enough to live by faith, brave enough to endure in hope and generous enough to love without limit. **Amen** (El Salvador, source untraced)*

Morning Worship 10.30am Rev. Diane Daymond

Live-stream link for morning service: <https://youtube.com/live/T0lrmD6B04w?feature=share>

Please join us for refreshments in the hall after the service.

Order of Service

Call to worship

StF 24 Come, now is the time to worship

Opening prayers

Words to children

StF 706 Longing for light

Reading: Psalm 34: 1-8

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

StF 153 Break thou the bread of life

Sermon

StF 687 One human family God has made

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Offertory prayer

StF 681 Community of Christ

Benediction

Notices

Monday 28th October 19:30 - 20:30 Finance and Property Meeting at church

Tuesday 22nd October 10:00 – 12:00 Tuesday Coffee Morning in the Church. All Welcome.

19:30 – 21:30 Worship Consultation in church – all welcome

Wednesday 23rd October 09:00 – 10:00 Ecumenical Communion Service at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church

10:15 – 12:15 Messy Church (see note below)

Friday 1st November 14:30 - 16:00 Friday Club

Sunday 3rd November 10:30 Rev Rachel Leather – commissioning of Pastoral Visitors



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Other Notices

Funeral of Richard Courtney

The funeral of Richard Courtney, who sadly passed away at home on 30th September 2024, aged 77 years, will be at Penmount Crematorium in Truro (TR4 9AA) on Friday 25th October at 1:30pm. The service will be streamed:

Website <https://watch.obitus.com>

Username rijo3203

Password 189310

Reverend John Beardsley

It is with great sadness that we have to announce of Reverend John Beardsley, former minister of this church and former Superintendent of the Gloucestershire Circuit. He will be greatly missed and fondly and respectfully remembered by all who knew him. Funeral arrangements are Monday 11th November, 12.30 pm at Cheltenham Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 2pm at Tewkesbury Methodist Church, with refreshments in the church hall .

Jim Coates

Jim Coates, a member at Bethesda, has recently died. Some of you may have known him through other church connections or through the Backpackers. His funeral will take place on Friday 1st November at 2.30pm at Bethesda Methodist Church, Great Norwood Street.

Shoe boxes for Teams4u

Thank you to all those who have taken shoe boxes to fill. Please could you bring them back to church by Sunday 3 November.

Many thanks, Judith

Messy Church at St Mark's Methodist Church, Gloucester Road

Children of primary school age along with their parents/carers, of all faiths and none, are invited to our Messy Church session on Wednesday, 30th October at 10:15am-12:15pm. Craft activities, videos, story, songs, drinks, mid-morning snacks (free!).

Adults – Please book places for your children and yourself by Friday, 25th October by emailing messychurch@stmarksmethodist.org.uk or ringing 01242 262657. Please let us know your name, the full names and ages of the children you will be bringing, any special needs or dietary requirements of the children, and a contact phone number. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cheltenham Interfaith Week – 10th to 17th November 2024

Please see attached flyer or visit the website <https://www.cheltenhaminterfaith.org.uk/events-coming-up/>. Whilst the events are free, you will need to register for a place.

Advance Notices

DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal – collection Sunday 3rd November

The conflict in the Middle East is taking a devastating toll on the lives of innocent people.



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How are Christian Aid responding?

Our established partners in Gaza and Lebanon are responding as best they can, under intense pressure, with medical relief and food, shelter, sanitation and cash.

How your donations helps

Every donation helps us meet the escalating needs of people fighting for their very survival.



Needs at present:

Many thanks to all who are contributing regularly to our boxes by the two entrances to our building. Below is a list of Foodbank present needs:

coffee / teabags, long life fruit juice / milk

tinned ham or fish, instant mash, rice pudding / custard, baked beans, cereal,

soup, pasta, bars of soap, shaving gel

PLEASE NOTE WE CANNOT GIVE OUT: Opened items, Items past their best before date, alcohol, medicine.

We are currently well stocked in: baby food, sanitary products and non-dairy milk.

Our boxes for donations to the foodbank are at our two entrances. Thank you for all your continuing help.